

Sustainable Energy Strategies: Opportunities and Challenges



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The Economics of Energy Sustainability



The China series:

The Economy and Its Energy Sector

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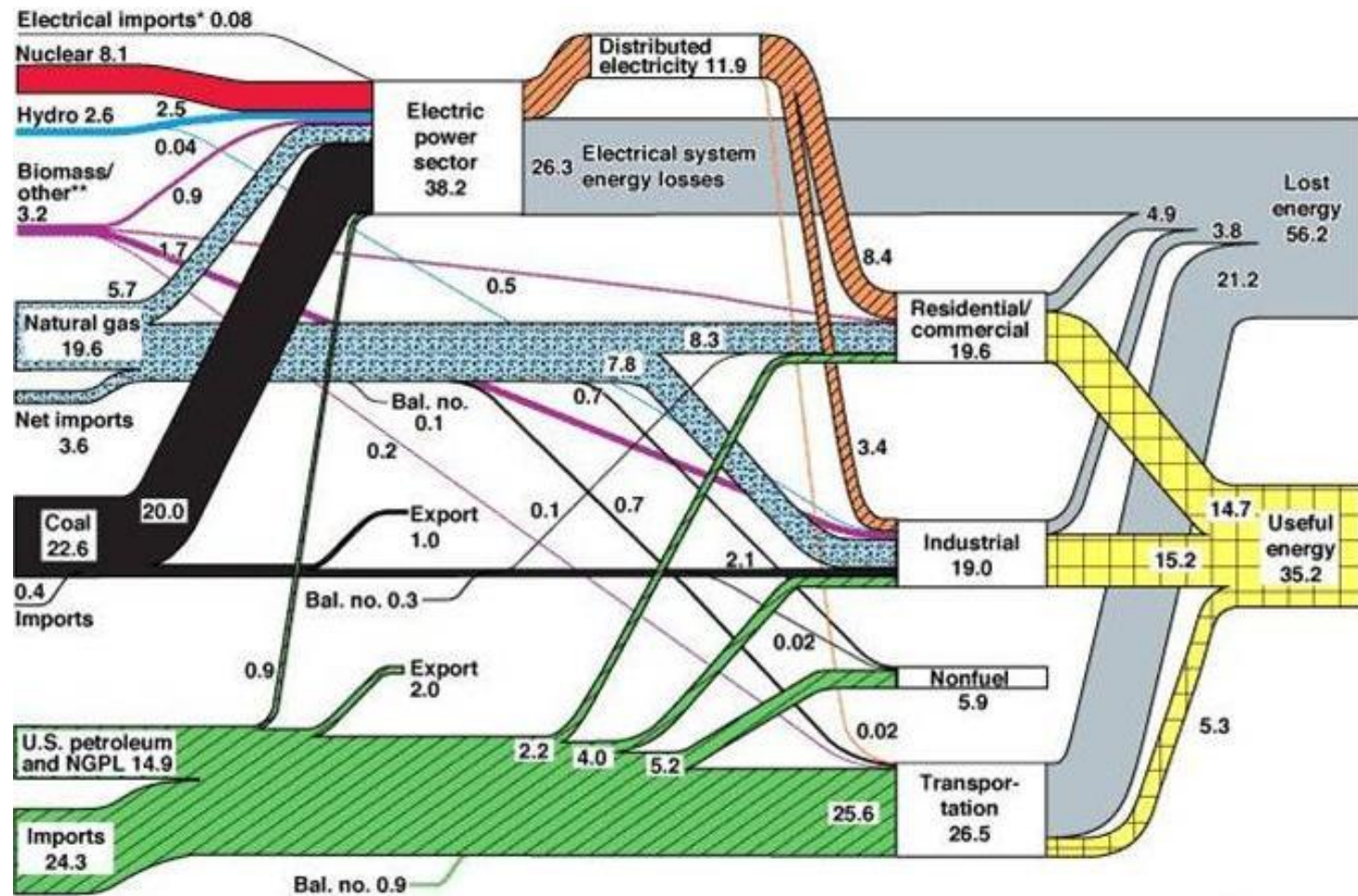
Burj Dubai Tower - World tallest (2008):



The Paradigm Shift

- Major shift in the way Global policy makers and industry frame and implement sustainability to infrastructure issues.
- Model is the move from telephone land lines to mobile/wireless; as seen in many countries not needing central grids and transmission
- Energy systems will be more “agile” meaning combination of grid and on-site generation or distributed systems at community- local levels.
- Public policy -- Set Goals e.g. RPS, Protocols, Aggregation, Specs, Master contracts, joint ventures.
- Diversification at the state and local regions of energy supplies must be through clean and renewable sources along with conservation.
- Current volatile global fossil fuel prices as well as national and international concerns for security, energy, environmental, water, climate, natural crises motivate the paradigm shift.
- Nation-States are becoming “Energy Independent” through diversified energy and environmental policies, e.g. the “Hydrogen Highway”.
- National, regional and local public policy need to use “civic market” partnerships that lead, direct, guide and evaluate the paradigm shift

Net Primary Resource Consumption ~97 Quads

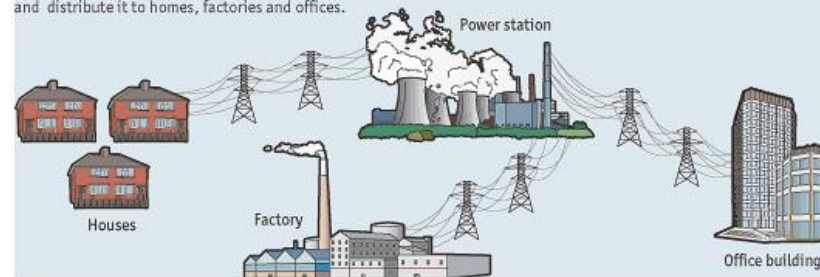


Agile Energy Systems

The shape of grids to come?

Conventional electrical grid

Centralised power stations generate electricity and distribute it to homes, factories and offices.

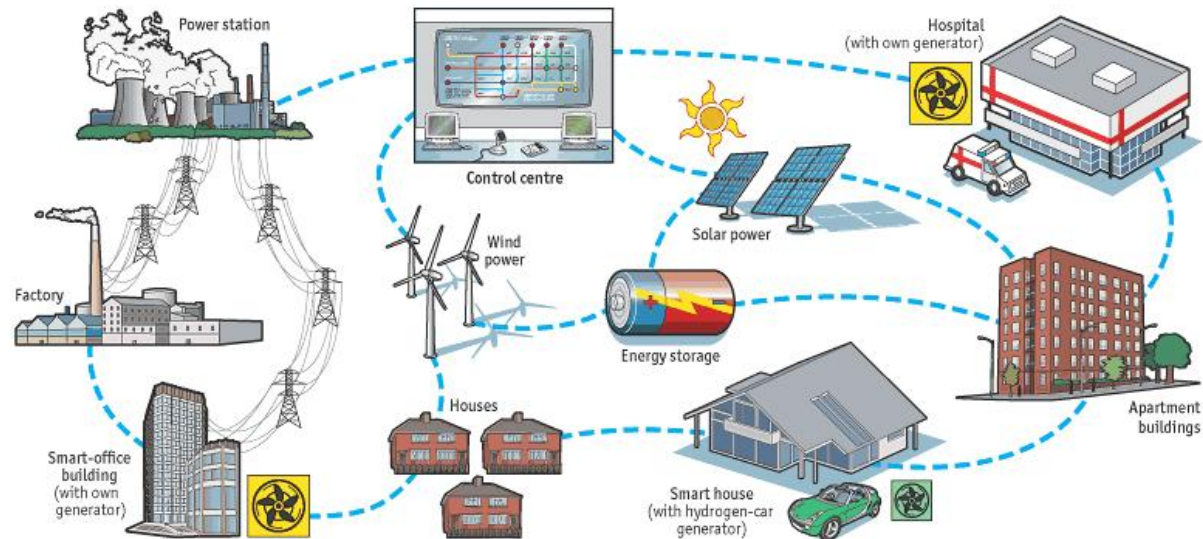


Energy internet

Many small generating facilities, including those based on alternative energy sources such as wind and solar power, are orchestrated using real-time monitoring and control systems.

Offices or hospitals generate their own power and sell the excess back to the grid. Hydrogen-powered cars can act as generators when not in use. Energy-storage technologies smooth out fluctuations in supply from wind and solar power.

Distributing power generation in this way reduces transmission losses, operating costs and the environmental impact of overhead power lines.



Sources: The Economist; ABB

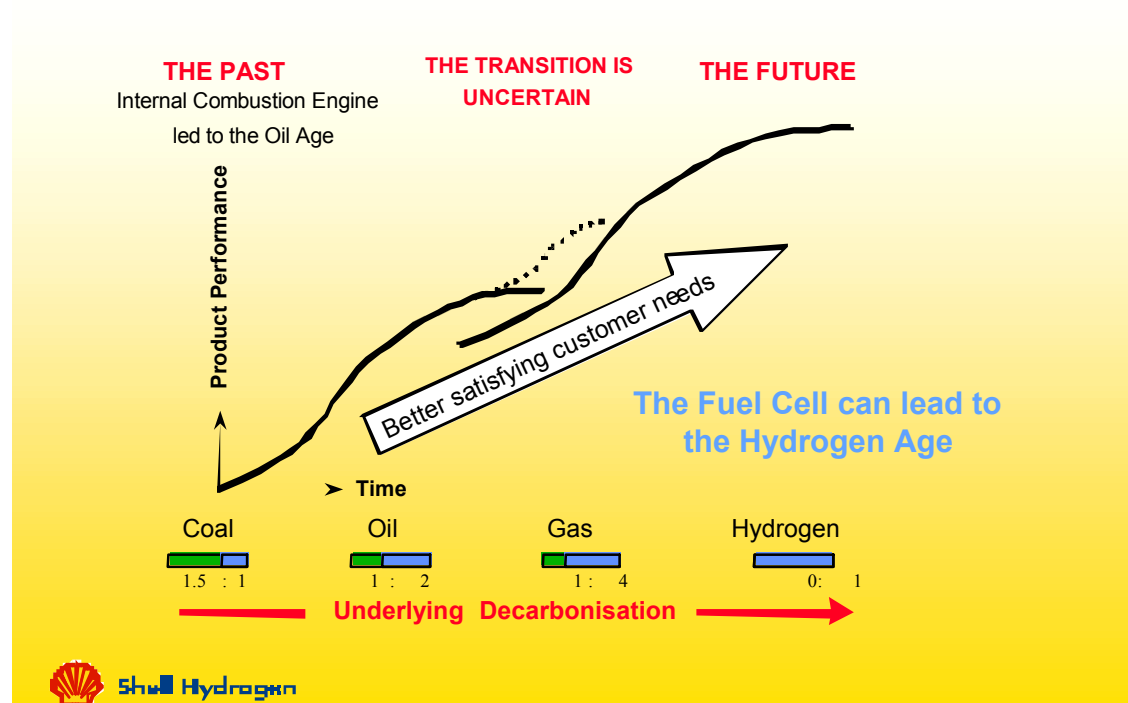
Stellar Energy Solutions



HYDROGENICS -- HYDROGEN "TOWN" IN HONG KONG

The Paradigm Change is Underway

The transition is uncertain...



Remote Market Applications

Military, Scientific and Utility

- US Air Force Alaska
- Aircraft Warning Lights for NiMO

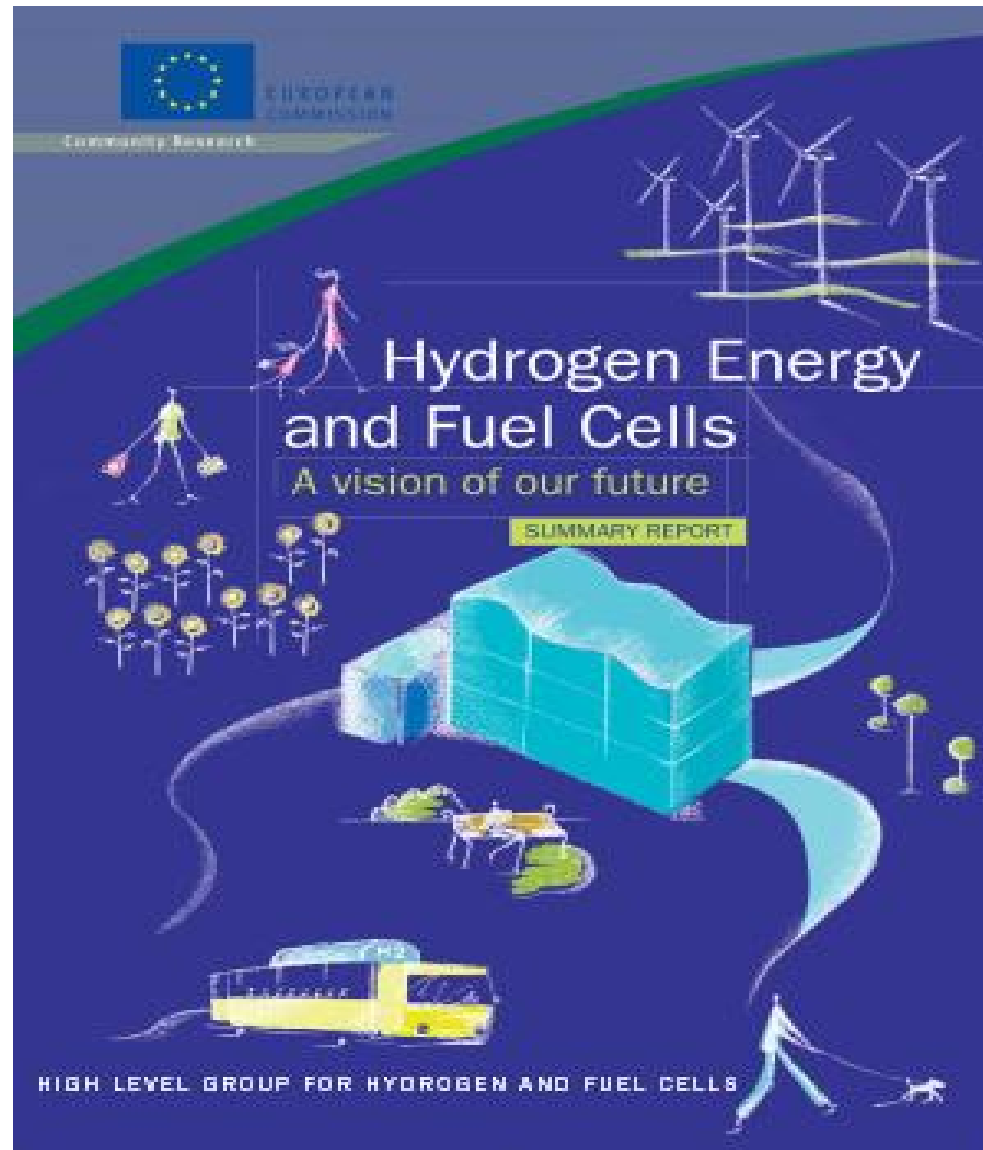


Village Power

- 4 Alaskan Villages



Hydrogen Energy Stations: A Global Movement



Zero Energy Homes (ZEH)



- Growing commercial market for ZEH in Japan and California
- California Million Solar Homes initiative (SB 1) 2005
- Supported in U.S. through USDOE's Building America
- Congressional Energy Bill (2005) with incentives for renewables: Solar, Wind, Geothermal, Bio-Mass, etc.
- Hydrogen Economy

Solar / Photovoltaic Roofs

Sun Utility -- Los Angeles



Wholesale Power Generation

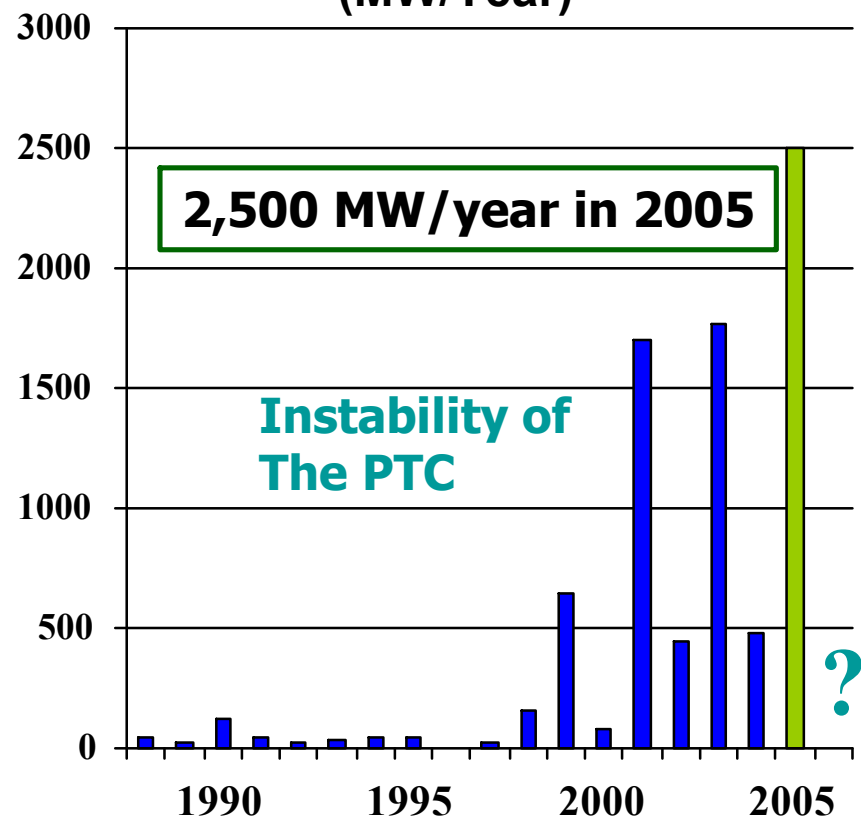
US Wind Power

Wind Farm Finance Opportunity



7,200 MW Installed Base in US
48,000 MW Installed Base Worldwide

**US Wind Power Installations
(MW/Year)**



Sources: AWEA

Boston Harbor Wind Farm

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Hydrogen – The Energy Future

Use roof to generate renewable hydrogen

Fleet vehicles powered by hydrogen

Reduce California's dependence on imported petroleum

Proposed hydrogen fleet-fueling project for Frito Lay Los Angeles



Entire energy cycle is emissions free

Global Impact

Pianeta srl, Green Energy, Settimo Italy

Winter Olympics (2006)

- The main stationary hydrogen plant realized in Cesana Torinese, a little town on the Alps near Turin.
- The location, which used to be a holiday camp for the children of Italsider employees, is part of the modern architectural heritage of Piedmont Region.
- The building used to house athletes competing in the Winter Olympics at Cesana Torinese. After the Olympics it will become a hotel.
- The plant provides clean energy to certain parts of the building and fuel to vehicles.
- Created educational degree and training programs at Turin Poli-Technical University

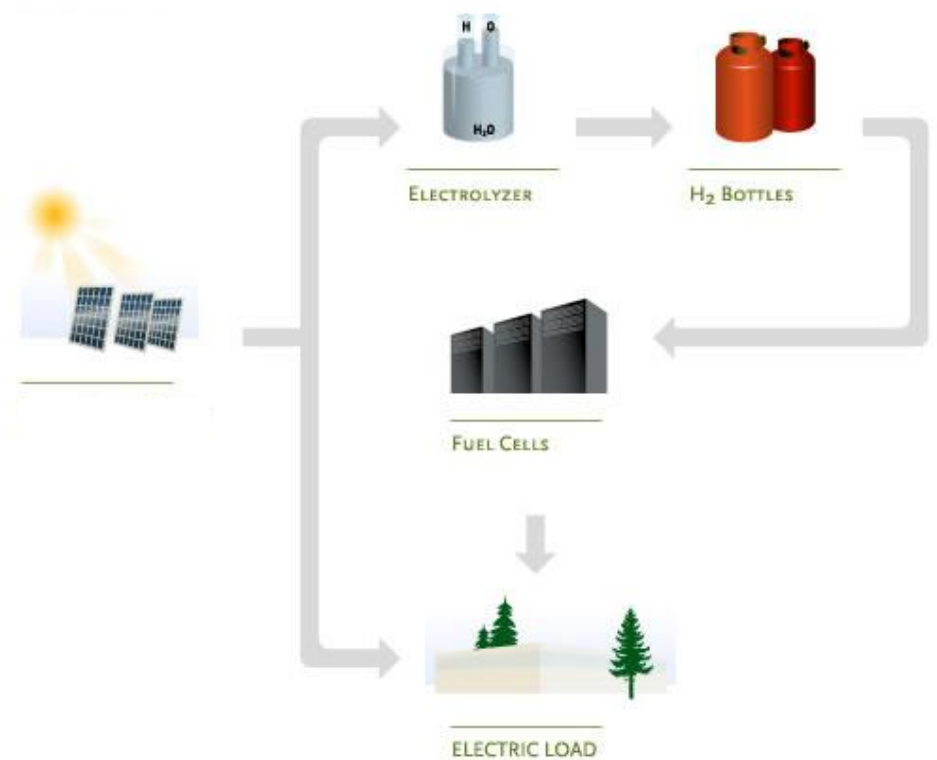


- It is the first European high mountain hydrogen plant.
- We designed and implemented all the section of the plant (H₂-production, H₂-storage, and H₂-use) respecting the peculiar environmental and climatic conditions of the location.
- We dealt and exceeded problems like the possible freezing of the water running in some technologies and the building of the engine room according to Alps traditional architecture.

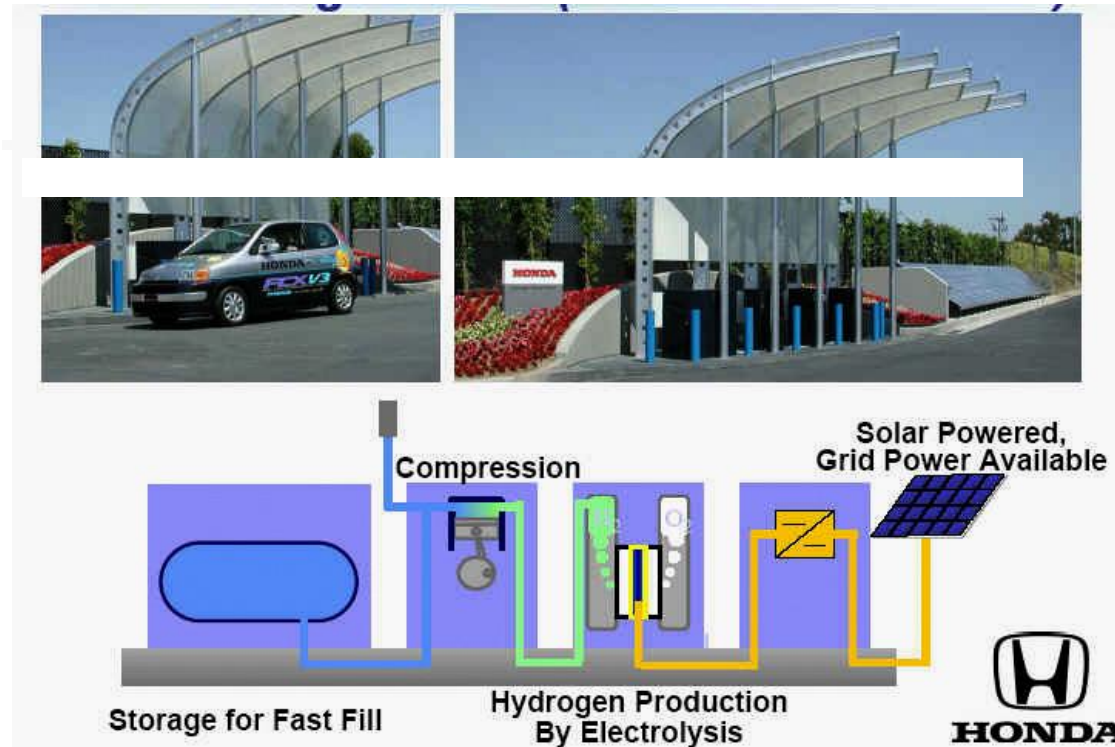


TECHNICAL DETAILS

- The electric load can be powered directly by the photovoltaic panels during the day. During the evening the energy need will be fulfilled by the fuel cells, using the clean hydrogen stocked during the day.
- Fuel cells can also work as a back-up system in case of power cut.
- Fuel cell power output: 5 kWe each. We installed 3 fuel cells.
- PV panels power peak: 25 kWe.



Honda, Torrance, CA



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California Hydrogen Highways

www.hydrogenhighway.ca.gov

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